



BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
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APPLICATION FOR A BRANCH OFFICE LICENSE

(Section 3077, Business and Professions code)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

BOL # _____

Cashiering # _____

FEE: \$60.00

PRINT OR TYPE

1. Branch Office Ownership Status:	If Corporation owned:
Individual <input type="checkbox"/>	Corporation Name: _____
Partnership <input type="checkbox"/>	Corporation Number Issued by Board of Optometry: _____
Corporation <input type="checkbox"/>	Principal Place of Practice: _____ _____

2. Address of Branch Office for which you are seeking licensure:

Number and Street	City	State	Zip
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NOTE: If you intend to use a fictitious name at the above branch office location, please be advised that you must first apply for and receive a fictitious name permit for said branch office. Please contact the Board at the telephone number shown above to request an application.

3. Branch Office Applicant (s): If individual, print complete registered name. If partnership, list all partners. If corporation, list all shareholders. List the principal place of practice for each individual listed.

NAME:			
Last	First	Middle	OPT License number
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF PRACTICE:			
Number and Street			
City			
State			
Zip			
NAME:			
Last			
First			
Middle			
OPT License number			
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF PRACTICE:			
Number and Street			
City			
State			
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NAME:			
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LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
(OPTOMETRY PRACTICE ACT)
GOVERNING OPERATION OF BRANCH OFFICES
Business and Professions Code Section 3077

Section 3077. As used in this section "office" means any office or other place for the practice of optometry.

- (a) No person, singly or in combination with others, may have an office unless he or she is registered to practice optometry under this chapter.*
- (b) An optometrist, or two or more optometrists jointly, may have one office without obtaining a further license from the board.*
- (c) On and after October 1, 1959, no optometrist, and no two or more optometrists jointly, may have more than one office unless he, or she, or they comply with the provisions of this chapter as to an additional office. Such additional office, for the purposes of this chapter, constitute a branch office.*
- (d) Any optometrist who has, or any two or more optometrists, jointly, who have, a branch office prior to January 1, 1957, and who desire to continue such branch office on or after that date shall notify the board in writing of such desire in a manner prescribed by the board.*
- (e) On and after January 1, 1957, any optometrist, or any two or more optometrists, jointly, who desire to open a branch office shall notify the board in writing in a manner prescribed by the board.*
- (f) On and after January 1, 1957, no branch office may be opened or operated without a branch office license. Branch office licenses shall be valid for the calendar year in or for which they are issued and shall be renewable on January 1st of each year thereafter. Branch office licenses shall be issued or renewed only upon the payment of the fee therefor prescribed by this chapter.*

On or after October 1, 1959, no more than one branch office license shall be issued to any optometrist or to any two or more optometrists jointly.

- (g) Any failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter relating to branch offices or branch office licenses as to any branch office shall work the suspension of the certificate of registration of each optometrist who, individually or with others, has such branch office. A certificate of registration so suspended shall not be restored except upon compliance with such provisions and the payment of the fee prescribed by this chapter for restoration of a certificate of registration after suspension for failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter relating to branch offices.*
- (h) The holder or holders of a branch office license shall pay the annual renewal fee therefor in the amount required by this chapter between the first day of January and the first day of February of each year. The failure to pay such fee in advance on or before February 1st of each year during the time it is in force shall ipso facto work the suspension of such branch office license. Such license shall not be restored except upon written application and the payment of the penalty prescribed by this chapter, and, in addition, all delinquent branch office fees.*
- (i) Nothing in this chapter shall limit or authorize the board to limit the number of branch offices which are in operation on October 1, 1959, and which conform to this chapter, nor prevent an optometrist from acquiring any branch office or offices of his or her parent. The sale after October 1, 1959, of any branch office shall terminate the privilege of operating such branch office and no new branch office license shall be issued in place of the license issued for such branch office, unless the branch office is the only one operated by the optometrist or two or more optometrists jointly.*

Nothing in this chapter shall prevent an optometrist from owning, maintaining or operating more than one branch office if he or she is in personal attendance at each of his offices fifty percent (50%) of the time during which such office is open for the practice of optometry.

- (j) The board shall have the power to adopt, amend, and repeal rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.*
- (k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, neither an optometrist nor an individual practice association shall be deemed to have an additional office solely by reason of the optometrist's participation in an individual practice association or the individual practice association's creation or operation. As used in this subdivision, the term "individual practice association" mean an entity that meets all of the following requirements:*
 - 1) Is registered with the State Board of Optometry as an optometric corporation in accordance with Section 3160.*
 - 2) Operates primarily for the purpose of securing contracts with health care service plans or other third-party payers that make available eye/vision services to enrollees or subscribers through a panel of optometrists.*
 - 3) Contracts with optometrists to serve on the panel of optometrists, but does not obtain an ownership interest in, or otherwise exercise control over, the respective optometric practices of those optometrists on the panel.*

Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to exempt an optometrist who is a member of an individual practice association and who practices optometry in more than one physical location, from the requirement of obtaining a branch office license for each of those locations, as required by this section. However, an optometrist shall not be required to obtain a branch office license solely as a result of his or her participation in an individual practice association in which the members of the individual, practice association practice optometry in a number of different locations, and each optometrist is listed as a member of that individual practice association.

(Added by Stats. 1955, Ch. 1623; amended by Stats. 1996, Ch. 312.)

☐ Owned ☐ Leased☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ YES ☐ NO

[illegible]☐ YES ☐ NO

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9. DECLARATION OF APPLICANT(S):

The undersigned and each of the undersigned hereby declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all statements made on this application are true and correct.

**NOTE: Must be executed by
each optometrist
applying for the
branch office.**

Signature _____	Date _____
Signature _____	Date _____
Signature _____	Date _____
Signature _____	Date _____

FOR CORPORATION ONLY

10. DECLARATION OF APPLICATION:

I am an officer of

(Name of Corporation)

and as such make this declaration on behalf of said corporation. I have read the foregoing application and all attachments thereto and know the contents thereof, and the same are true of my own knowledge.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20_____

**NOTE: Must be executed by
an officer who is a
licensed optometrist.**

By _____
(Type Name) (License No.)

(Title of person executing)

(Signature)

11. Name of Optometrist to be contacted regarding this application:

_____	(____)
Full Name	Area Code/Telephone number